

Great Lakes Ballast Water Collaborative

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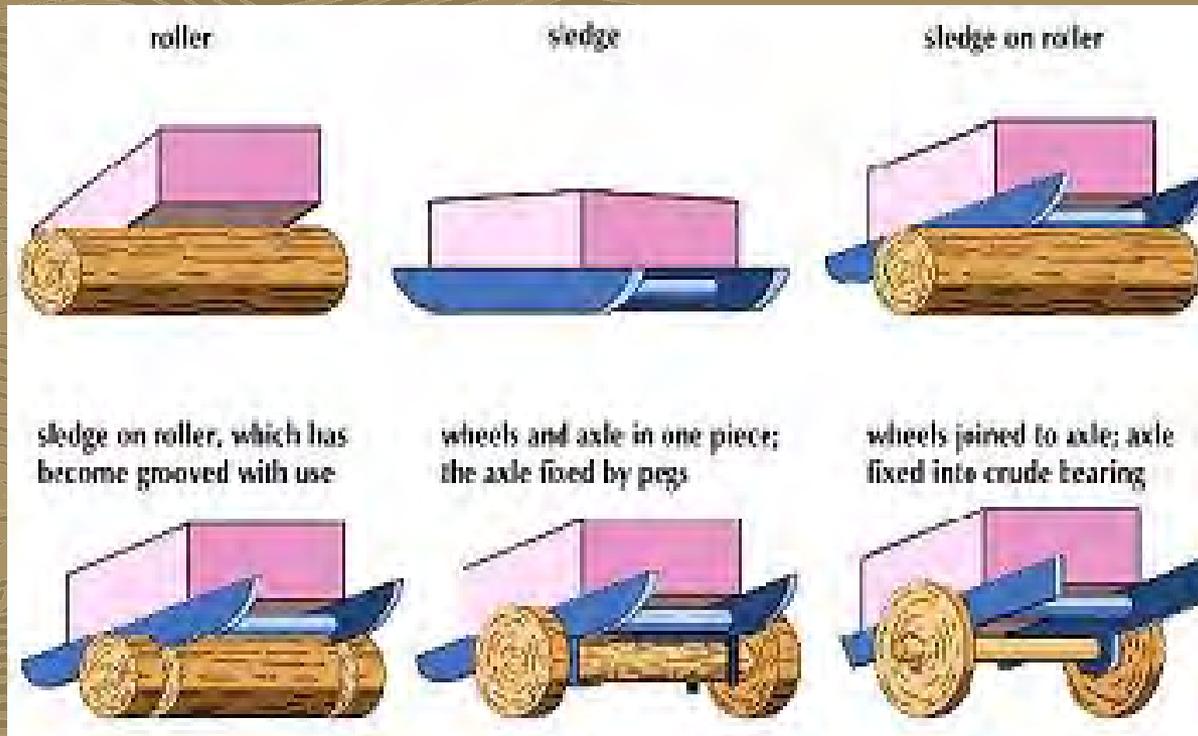
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Moving water to meet our needs



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Before the wheel: sledges & skids





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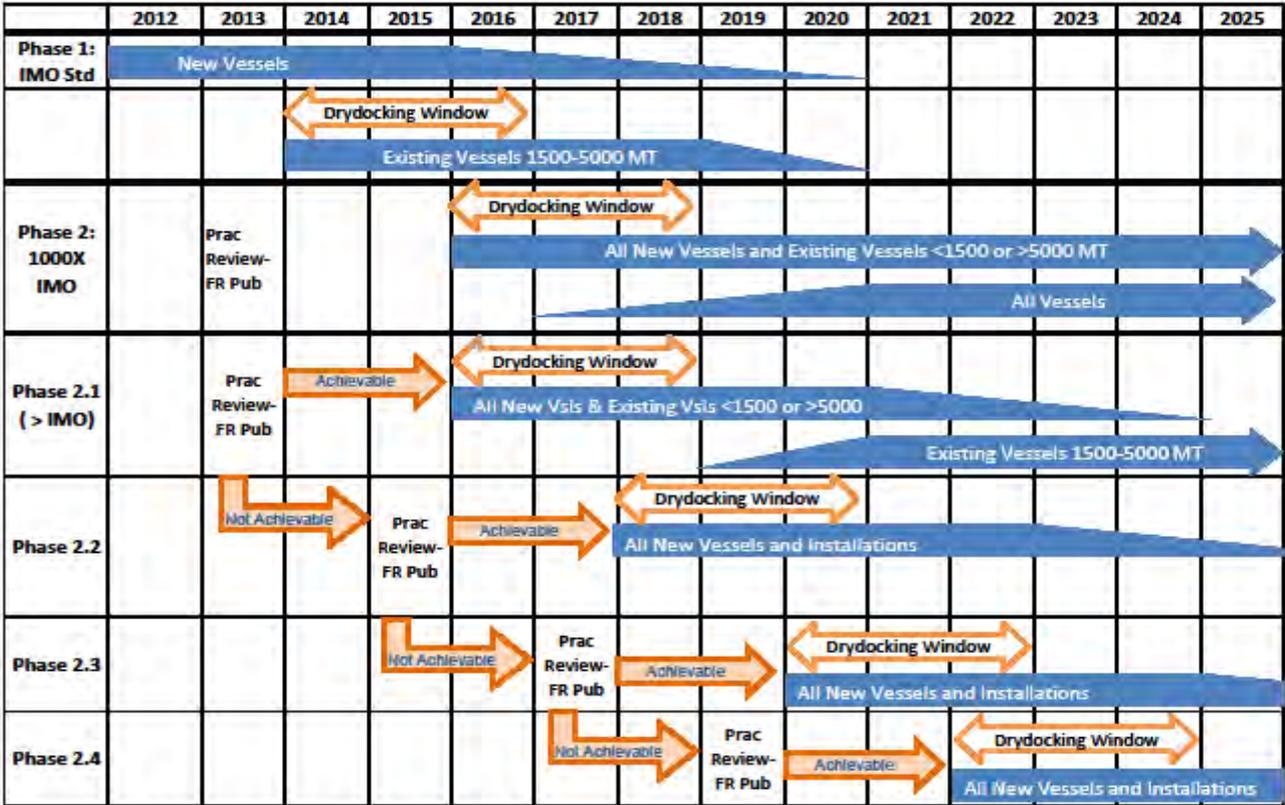
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Attributed Mechanisms of Introduction of Non-Native Species in Lake Superior or Tributaries (1883-2010)

Mechanisms of Introduction	Number of Species	Percent of Introduction*
Ship's ballast	40	43%
Cultivation	19	20%
Diseases and Parasites with Introduced Fish	13	14%
Stocked Fish	5	5%
Unknown	5	5%
Canals and Diversions	5	5%
Aquarium Releases	3	3%
Live Bait Releases by Anglers	3	3%
Recreational Boaters	2	2%
Railroads and Highways	1	1%
Packaging "Hitchhiker"	1	1%

Jensen, DA & Gunderson, JL. 2010. Soon available at www.seagrants.umn.edu

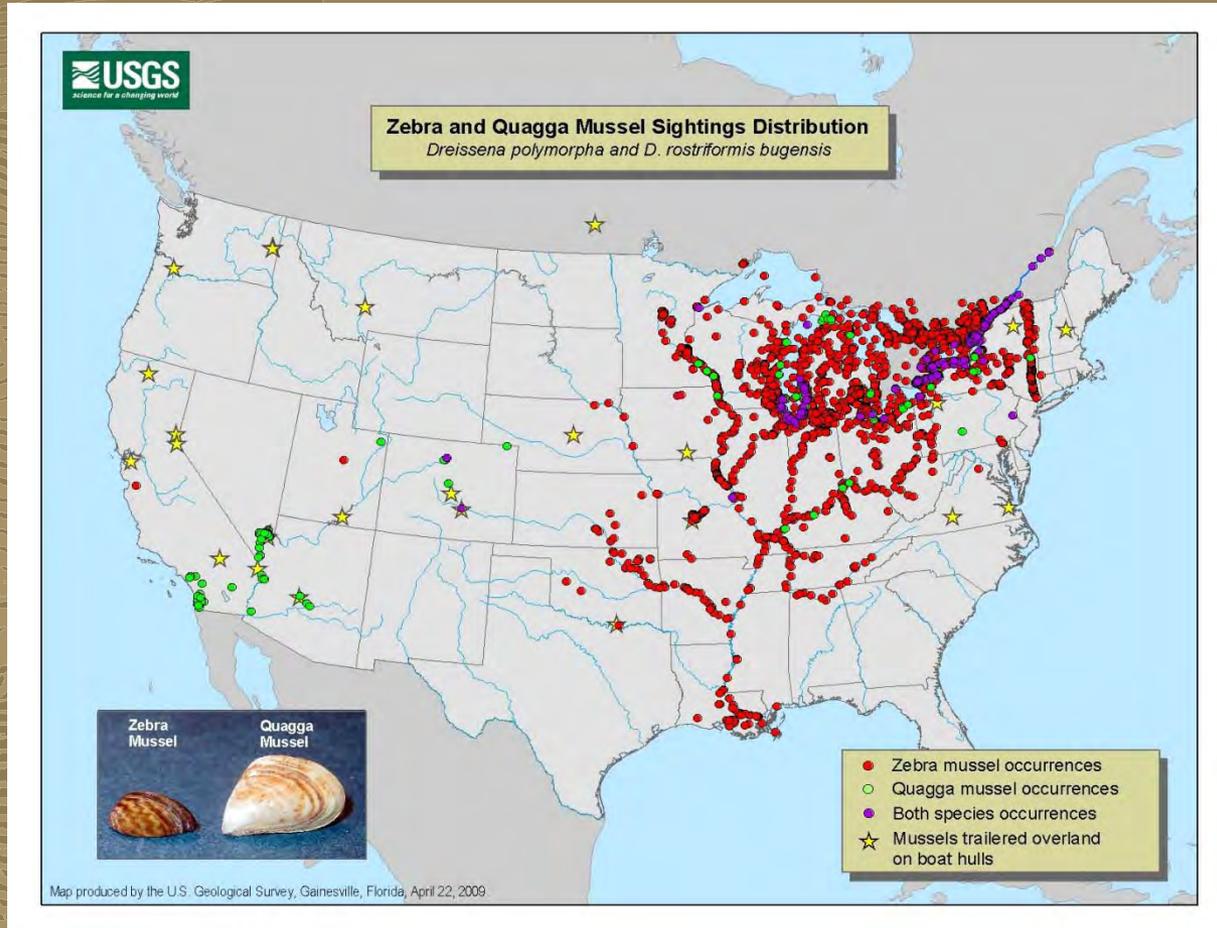
Phase 1 and Phase 2 Standards Implementation Schedule (5 year grandfathering)



If Practicability Review determines Phase 2 Standard is not achievable, but a standard which is more stringent than existing (IMO) is achievable, then that standard will be phased in 3 years following FR publication. Practicability reviews will be conducted every 2 years until full Phase 2 is achieved.

Note: Actual installation dates are the first drydocking after the implementation date which may be up to five years.

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How to slow the spread of
Aquatic Invasive Species
and protect the Last Great
Lake?

EBBBing the flow of Aquatic
Invasive Species :
Education, Boats, Bait and
Ballast

VHSV - 2005



VHSV - 2007



Dreissena polymorpha (zebra mussel)



1994/95

2000

2005

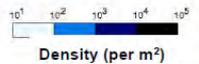
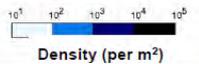
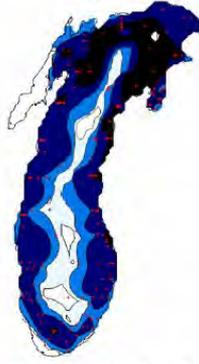
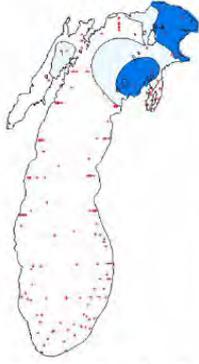


Dreissena rostriformis bugensis (quagga mussel)

1994/95

2000

2005

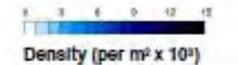
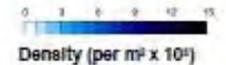
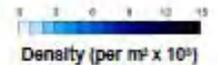
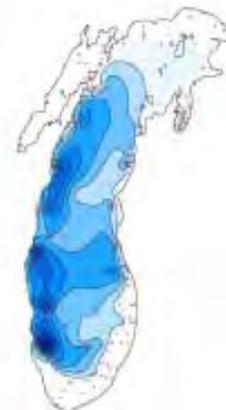


Diporeia Density in Lake Michigan

1994/95

2000

2005



Condition Factors Near 0.70



0.57



0.63



0.72



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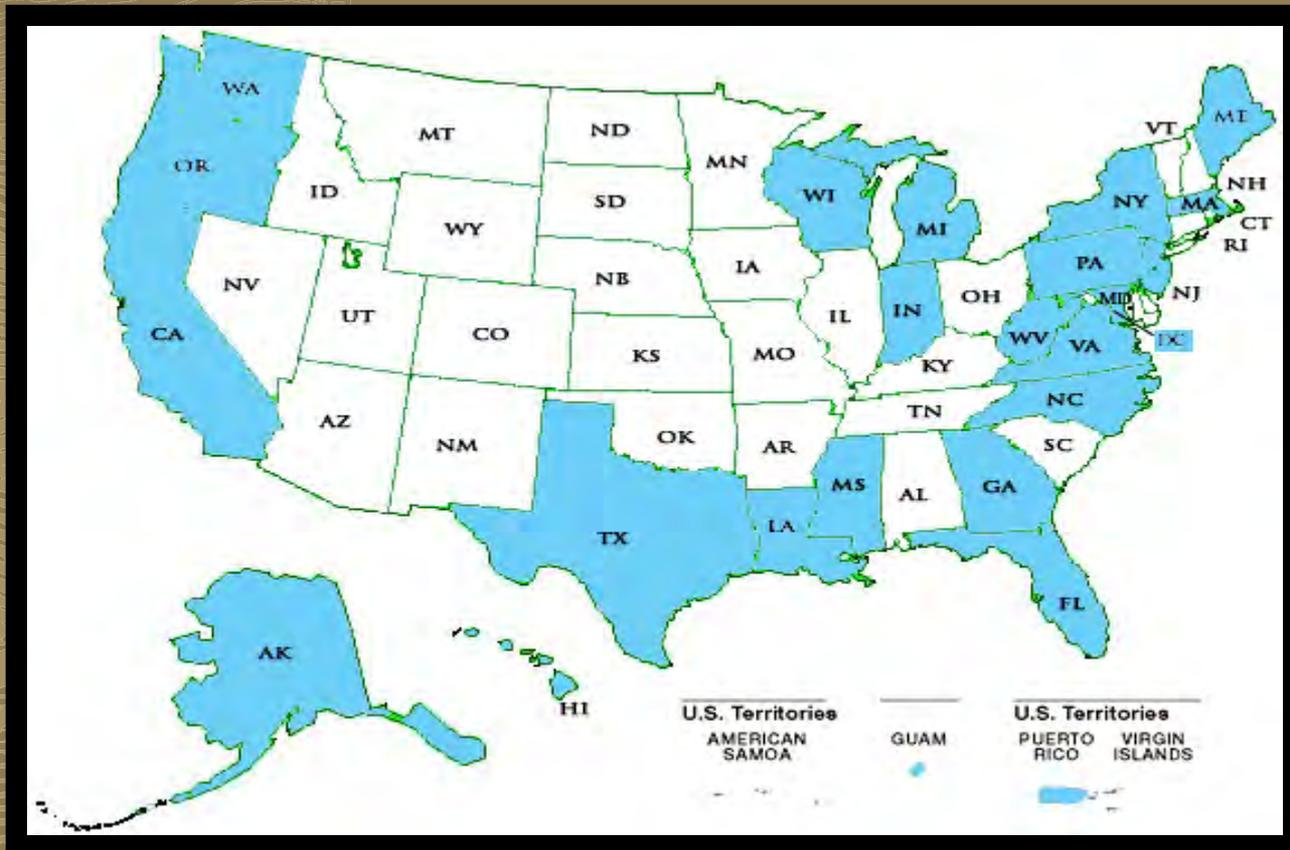
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Igloo Moon

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There are maritime park units located in each blue state.

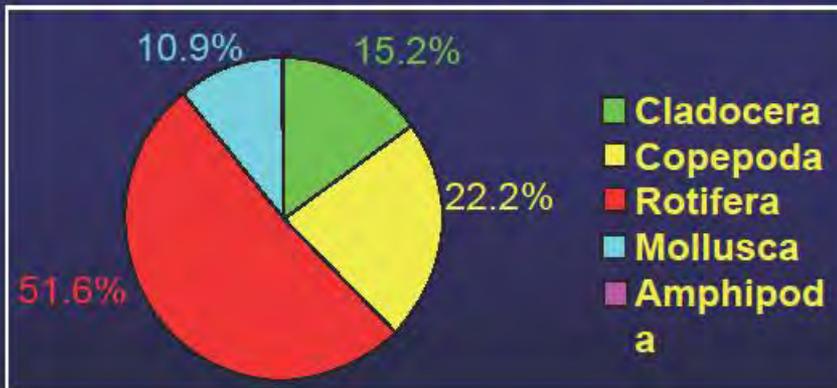
Summary of Non-Native Species Found in Lake Superior or Tributaries (1883-2010)

Taxa	Number of Species	Percent
Aquatic Invertebrates	31	33.3%
Plants*	31	33.3%
Fish	18	19.4%
Fish Diseases and Parasites	13	14.0%
Total	93	100%

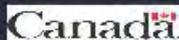
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Typical Zooplankton Results

- 97 zooplankton taxa identified in ballast
- Rotifers are most numerically abundant taxo
- At least 1 ANS detected in 88% samples



ANS comprise 11% cumulative zooplankton abundance

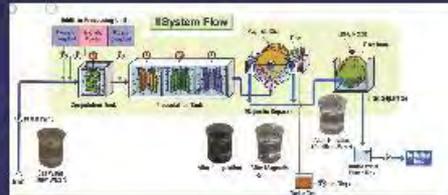


Bailey et al. (unpubl.)



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Current Situation



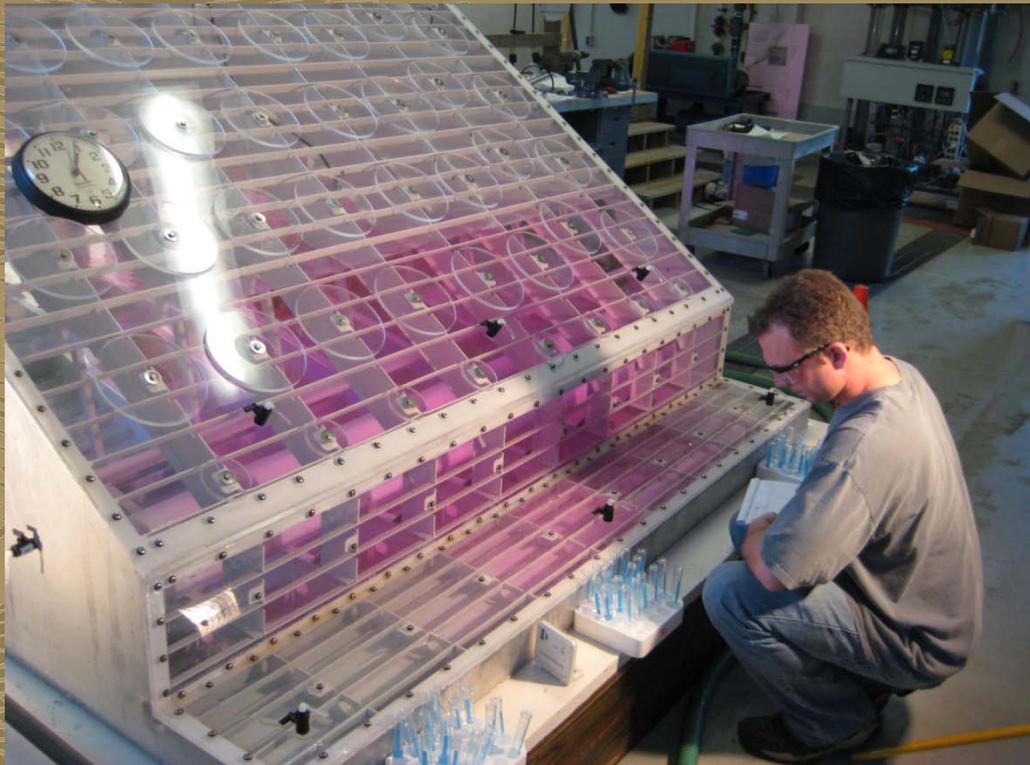
- Final Approvals to date
8 systems that use active substances
- More Final @ MEPC 60
- GESAMP 2 meetings - 9 more evaluations
- Type Approval to date
- 6 with IMO F/A, 2 without
- Sufficient systems available for 1st implementation date criteria <5000 cu M



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Mixing Biocides into Ship's Ballast Water

BASIC METHODS – USING ONLY “SHIP’S LOCKER” EQUIPMENT

- Empty Tanks – Fully Mix on Uptake with Inline Dosing
- Full Tanks – Several “Simple” Methods to Fully Mix in 24 to 48 Hours
- January 2010 – Published Emergency Treatment Guide

ADVANCED METHODS – USING AIR LIFT and SPECIAL NOZZLES

- Full Tanks – Two Methods to Fully Mix in less than 2 Hours
- 2010 – Emergency Treatment Guide Update (in process)

EMERGENCY, INTERIM, AND STANDARD (BWT) IMPLICATIONS

- Emergency Response Methods are Available
- Skid Based Equipment may be Practical for Interim Treatment
- In Tank Mixing Methods Could Influence Treatment Solutions
- Trials to Mix NaOH Into Full Ballast Tanks Underway

2 The Glosten Associates *It is Practical to Mix Full and Empty Ballast Water Tanks*

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Emergency Response Guide for Handling Ballast Water to Control Non-Indigenous Species

Prepared for
National Park Service
Isle Royale National Park
Houghton, Michigan

File No. 09019.01
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Adaptive Management

To cope with climate change and variability, this Technical Working Group (TWG) is developing an Adaptive Management Strategy that includes a structured, iterative process for reducing uncertainty through long-term monitoring, modelling and assessment. The strategy has two key goals to help inform decision-making:

- 1. to adapt regulation rules in the future as conditions change; and,
 - 2. to provide information on climate changes and water levels so that affected interests could adapt their practices and policies.
- Most importantly, the TWG is identifying critical thresholds and system vulnerabilities in order to define coping zones (A=preferred/acceptable zone, B=difficult but can be coped with under current management regimes, C=management would have to be adapted to avoid serious negative consequences) for affected interests and by location. This critical information will help determine when to alter water regulation rules.

From emergency treatment to interim treatment:

- Identify vessels that are discharging ballast that could be defined as "high risk"
- Set a "technology standard" easily measured for a set of biocides that can be practically implemented by vessel operators. A "technology Standard" can be described as a target biocide dose that is known to kill a wide variety of ballast organisms.
- Further develop our methods to dose ballast with the chosen biocide and safely discharge it, with willing shipping industry partners.
- Implement on a pilot scale and expand as needed.

Advantages

- Reduces risk (IE new introductions) in the interim
- May provide the shipping industry with less expensive methods to treat ballast.
- Establishes a measurable "technology standard" that can be reliably implemented until the issues with "biological standards" can be resolved.
- Creates the test platform for evaluating coarse performance measures for compliance and fine performance measures for validation of ballast treatment.

Where to Start?

- Discussing options for moving forward.
- Case 1: supporting ecological separation at the Welland Canal
- Case 2: treating high risk ballast at Ports of concern
- Options for shore supported skid mounted interim treatment

Case 1: Supporting ecological separation at the Welland Canal



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Map Features

Show:

LOCKS

VESSELS IN TRANSIT

PORTS

Display Lock Names

Display Vessel Names

Canadian Ports

US Ports

Port Names

Legend



Downbound Ship



Upbound Ship



Canadian Port



US Port

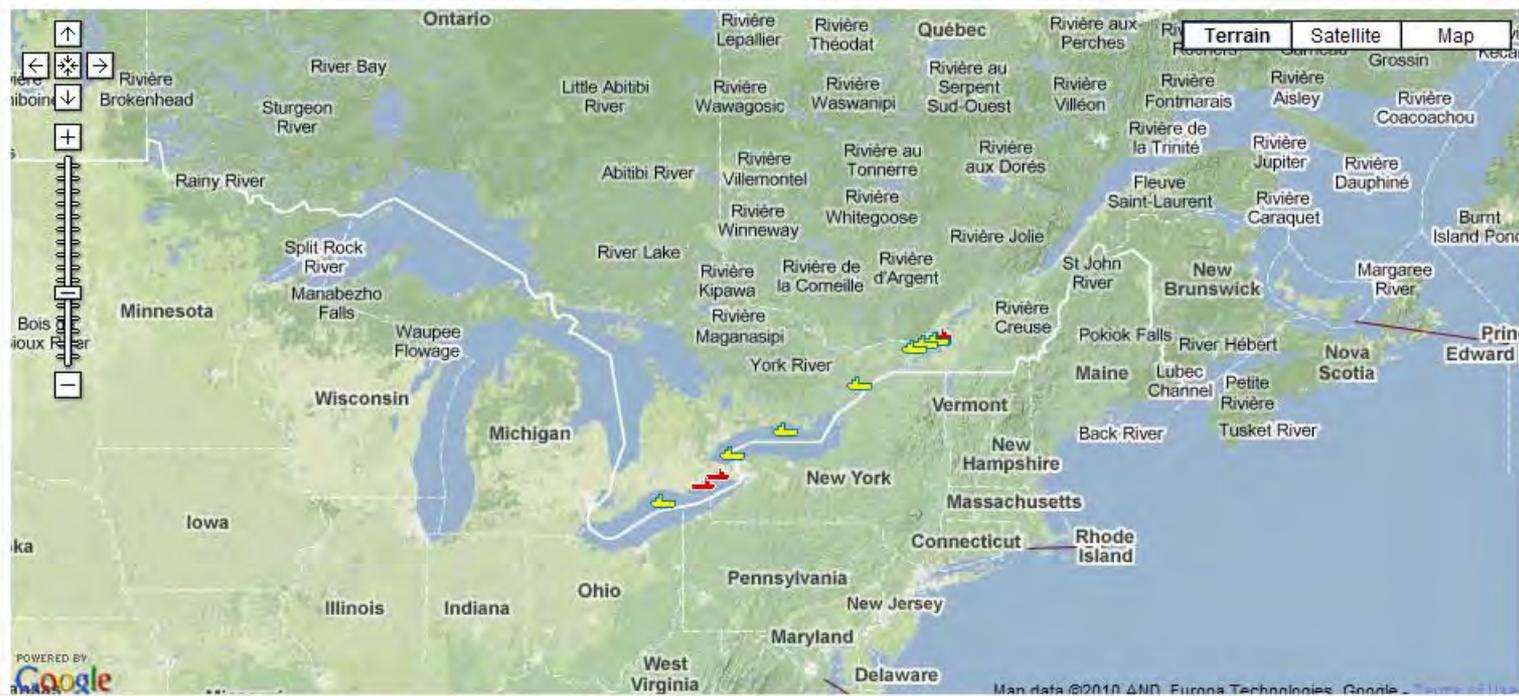
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WELLAND CANAL

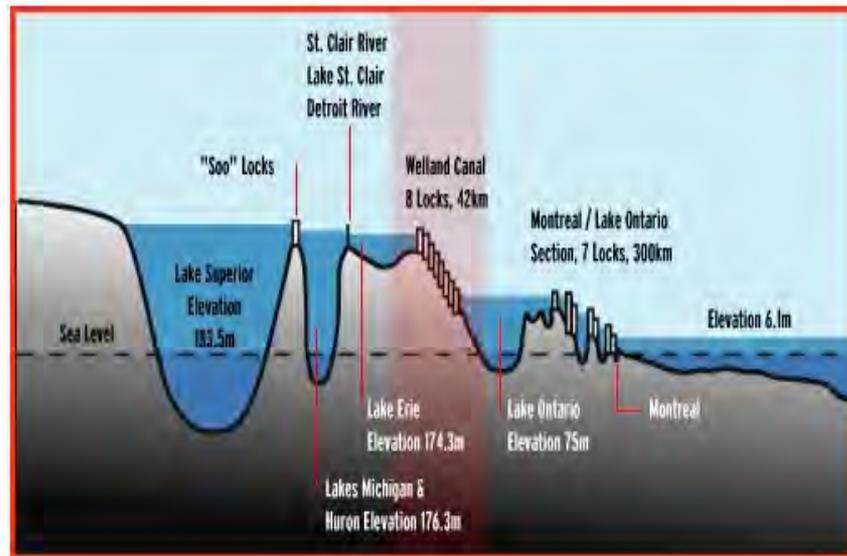
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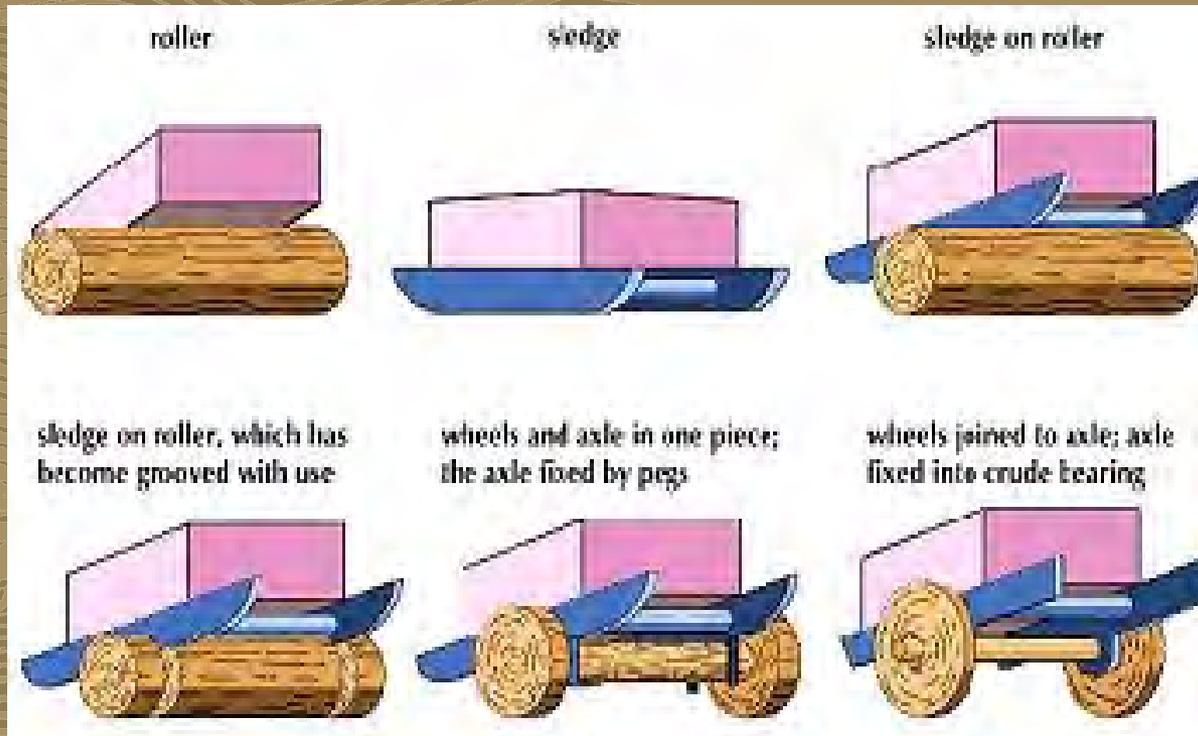
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LOCK 8

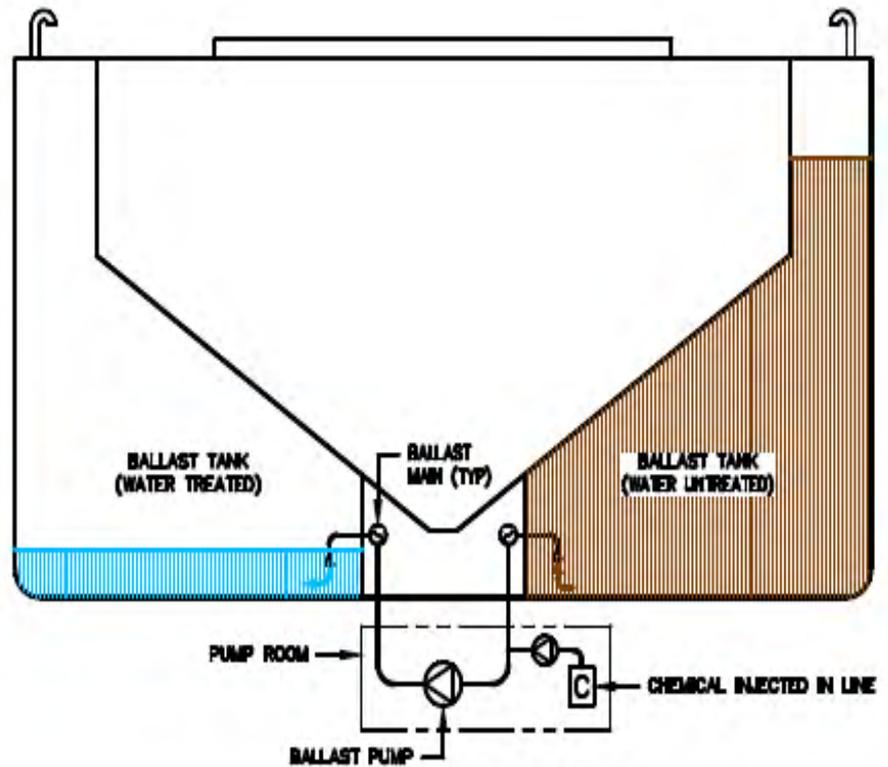
After entering the Welland Canal from Lake Ontario, and transiting the canal's 7 major lift locks, vessels have one transit left to accomplish before entering the waters of Lake Erie. Lock 8 at Port Colborne is a control lock with a shallow lift varying from 0.3 to 1.2 m (1 to 4 feet) to make the final adjustment to the Lake Erie's water level.



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Basic Mixing Methods -Inline Dosing



Field Trials on Great Lakes Bulker – Goal to Trial Basic Methods



Step 1 – Mix Chemical



**Step 2 – Dose
One Method**



**Step 3 through 7 – Dose
Again and Again**

Field Trials on Great Lakes Bulker – Goal to Trial Basic Methods



Step 8 – Vertical Transects



Step 9 – Discrete Samples

Need for collaboration

- Help develop these options if they might help you find options for a difficult to retro-fit ship.
- Options may need to be developed that focus on individual ships and their routes.
- Other options for biocides need to be developed.
- Communication and collaboration is essential to get rid of AIS hitchhikers

Partnerships

Mixing methods Trials

Investigators:

U.S. Geological Survey – Barnaby Watten and Noah Adams, Travis Tucker, and Gary Rutz

- University of Minnesota – Jay Austin,
- Glostien – Jon Markestad, Dan Clopton, and Robin Madsen
- National Parks Service – Phyllis Green,

National Parks of Lake Superior Foundation – Program Management, Field Support

- NOAA – Funded Phase 1
- Great Lakes Fisheries Trust – Funded Phase 2
- Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) – Funded Phase 3

American Steamship Company – Funded Ship Modifications, Logistics Support, Use of *M/V Indiana Harbor* for Test Platform

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Need new Partnerships for solutions for the Last Great Lake, as there is no end to the potential for AIS introductions, only intervention in their arrival.



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End Program



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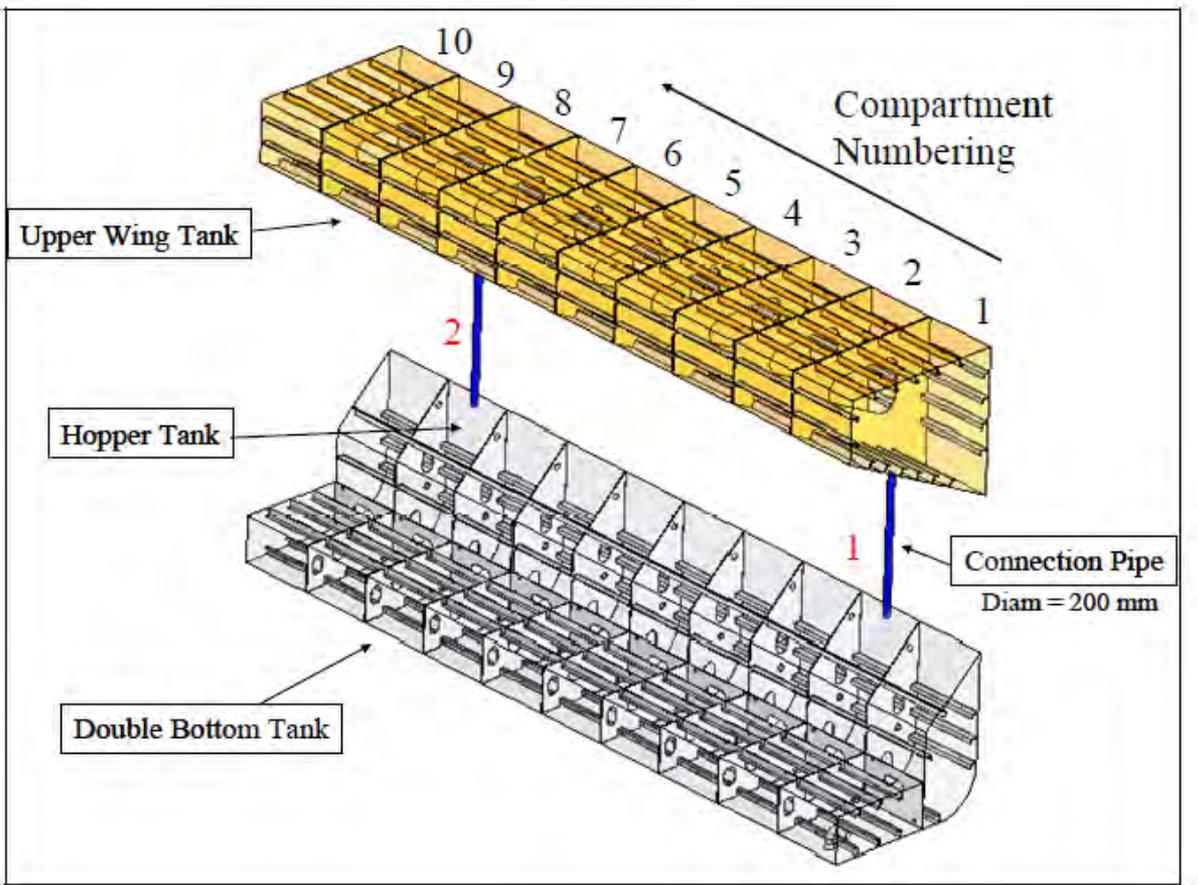


Figure 5. Compartment numbering convention.

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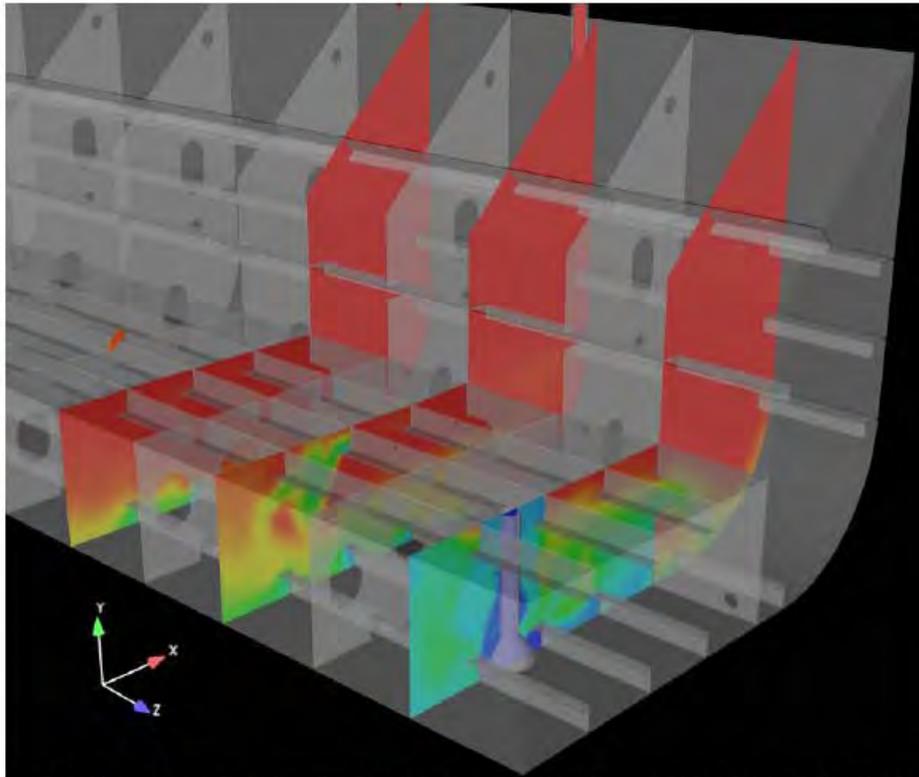


Figure 2: Volume fraction of incoming salt water contours in specified planes in full-scale ballast tank (red = pure resident fresh water, blue = incoming salt water).